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METHOD OF MAKING PRE-FORMED TUBULAR MEMBERS**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method of making a pre-formed tubular member includes the steps of providing a tubular member extending longitudinally and providing a bending assembly having a mandrel with at least one ball and a bending die. The method also includes the steps of positioning the at least one ball inside of the tubular member. The method further includes the steps of bending the tubular member about the bend die to form a bent pre-formed tubular member having at least one curved portion having a recess therein.